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Docket No.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

T. MATSUI et al.

Serial No.

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For

THERMALLY INSULATING MATERIAL HAVING EXCELLENT DURABILITY AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND USE THEREOF AND

METHOD FOR EXECUTION THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on June 24, 2003 for which a three (3) months response period expiring on September 24, 2003 was set. The extended period expires effectively on December 24, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) for a three (3) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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